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Honorable Richard Helms  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

Notwithstanding the fact that I do not see any way in which the Federal Employees Bill of Rights will substantially disadvantage the CIA in the performance of its duties, I would appreciate it very much if your Counsel would present to me drafts of any proposed amendments which you and he deem essential.

I believe that the CIA now enjoys as totalitarian powers as can be tolerated by a free society, and for this reason, am unwilling to consent to any amendment which would grant the CIA total exemption from a bill which merely attempts to secure to federal employees basic rights belonging to every American.

Sincerely yours,

*Sam J. Ervin, Jr.*  
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